

I claim:

1 1. A construction device for installation at a base of a
2 drywall for preventing moisture damage to the drywall comprising:
3 a basal contact region disposed on a floor when the device is in
4 use;
5 a support region for contacting a lower edge of a wallboard
6 when the device is in use;
7 an elevation region connecting the basal contact region with the
8 support region and raising the support region at least
9 about one quarter of one inch above the floor when the
10 device is in use; and
11 an attachment region in communication with the support region
12 for fastening the device to frame members within a wall
13 when the device is in use.

1 2. The construction device according to claim 1, wherein a
2 baseboard is placed to cover the device.

1 3. The construction device according to claim 1 extruded
2 from metal or plastic.

1 4. The construction device according to claim 1 formed by
2 bending a thin sheet of material.

1 5. The construction device according to claim 1, wherein
2 the support region and the basal contact region are substantially parallel to
3 each other.

1 6. The construction device according to claim 1, wherein
2 the elevation region is substantially normal to the basal contact region.

1 7. The construction device according to claim 1, wherein
2 the attachment region is substantially normal to the basal contact region.

1 8. The construction device according to claim 1, wherein
2 the attachment region is substantially normal to the support region.

1 9. The construction device according to claim 1 further
2 comprising an auxiliary region spaced apart from the attachment region and
3 forming a channel therebetween into which a lower edge of a wallboard can
4 be inserted.

1 10. The construction device according to claim 1, wherein
2 the elevation region is substantially in contact with a baseboard when in use
3 in a completed wall.

1 11. A method of constructing a drywall that is resistant to
2 wicking moisture damage comprising the steps of:
3 constructing a frame of members;
4 placing a construction device in contact with the frame and in
5 contact with a floor, wherein the construction device
6 comprises:
7 a basal contact region in contact with the floor
8 a support region;
9 an elevation region connecting the basal contact region
10 with the support region and raising the support
11 region at least about one quarter of one inch above
12 the floor; and
13 an attachment region in communication with the
14 support region disposed in proximity to the
15 frame members;

16 fastening the attachment region to the frame members;
17 and
18 fastening sheets of drywall to the frame members with lower
19 edges thereof in contact with the support region.

1 12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the
2 construction device is extruded from metal or plastic.

1 13. The method according to claim 11, wherein the
2 construction device is formed by bending a thin sheet of material.

1 14. The method according to claim 11, wherein the support
2 region and the basal contact region are substantially parallel to each other.

1 15. The method according to claim 11, wherein the elevation
2 region is substantially normal to the basal contact region.

1 16. The method according to claim 11, wherein the
2 attachment region is substantially normal to the basal contact region.

1 17. The method according to claim 11, wherein the
2 attachment region is substantially normal to the support region.

1 18. The method according to claim 11, wherein the
2 construction device further comprises an auxiliary region spaced apart from
3 the attachment region and forming a channel therebetween into which a
4 lower edge of a wallboard can be inserted.

1 19. The method according to claim 11, wherein the elevation
2 region is substantially in contact with a baseboard when in use in a
3 completed wall.

1 20. The method according to claim 11 further comprising a
2 step of applying a layer of adhesive to the construction device.